

Members Present:

Christie Frezza, Denise Woodbury, Deb Hill, Katy Herbold, Julie Simon, Dennis Vredenburg, Mark Miller, Dave Tufte, Kevin Stein, Kay Anderson, Carl Franklin Pat Keehley, Phil Roche, Virginia Stitt, Andrew Marvick, Dezhi Wu, Andreas Weingartner, Robert Eves, C. Frederick Lohrenelg II, Mark Colberg, Paul Larson and Tim Lewis.

a. Approval of the Minutes

President Frezza invited a motion on the approval of the minutes.

Action Taken

Motion: Paul Larson motioned to approve the minutes.

Second: Robert Eves

Vote: Passed

1. Inauguration (Information Item)

President Frezza shared details about the Inauguration, which will be held Friday, September 21 at 1:00 p.m. Those in the procession may need to dismiss at noon. She brought word from the Inauguration committee to encourage attendance for students, including offers of extra credit. Attendees will be given a ticket which they can turn in for extra credit. President Frezza will report that faculty will consider these options and support them as possible.

II. Proclamation Proposal

A greeting/senate resolution was distributed by President Frezza for consideration by the Senate.

Action Taken

Motion: Pat Keeley moved to use the resolution format

Second: Dennis Redinburg

Vote: Passed

Action Taken

Motion: Fred Lohrengel moved to accept the wording of the resolution

Second: Robert Eves

Vote: Passed

III. Straw Poll on Optional Minor

President Frezza summarized the issue stating that the position of the Provost's office is that minors WILL BE available as an option for individual students, with credits remaining around 120 credits. Cards were passed out to collect an initial opinion from the group. Senators were asked to write Yes or No regarding their opinion on flexibility or no flexibility regarding the minor across the university. Parliamentarian Virginia Stitt collected cards to tally.

Results:

Yes for flexibility - 18

No for flexibility – 3

Deb Hill, Carl Franklin and Phil Roche will look into optional minors, research the issue and report back with pros and cons to the group

Action Taken: None

Motion:

Second:

Vote:

IV. Policy 6.49 and 13.1

Robert Eves reported on the policies, distributing copies that included proposed changes.

Policy 13.1 Academic Standards and Admissions Committee

He suggests a statement at the end, the same as the statement in Grade Appeals.

President Frezza reminded the group that it is University policy that all committees have a student representative.

Action Taken

Motion: Deb Hill moved to accept the Robert Eves' proposed change of the addition of the final statement (#5) to Policy 13.1

Second: Virginia Stitt

Vote: Passed

Policy 6.49 Graduation Requirements

The proposed changes sent to us are intended to bring current policy into line with current practice and/or the catalog.

One change that Eves suggested for section E is for an SUU residency requirement for graduate degrees, limiting the number of hours transferred in. It was suggested that no

more than 10 transfer credits be accepted. The group discussed the number of transfer credits allowed.

Nine was proposed, with a point made by Julie Simon that allowing 3 courses to transfer in would be attractive to graduate students looking to change institutions.

Action Taken (Motion failed for lack of a second.)

Motion: Fred Lohrengel motioned that we accept no transfer credits for graduate programs

Second: None

Vote:

Motion: Carl Franklin motioned that no more than 9 credits are eligible for transfer into graduate programs

Second: Denise Woodbury

Vote: Passed

Motion: Tim Lewis motioned that the remainder of the proposed changes be tabled for further study and discussion at a later time.

Second: Carl Franklin

Vote: Passed

V. President's Report on Deans Council (Information)

1. Accreditation – The Provost sees very few policy changes in the immediate future, as we begin a new accreditation cycle, recalling that during the last cycle the University was “rapped” for excessive policy changes.
2. Vice Provost of Graduate Studies – David Reese is constructing policies for Graduate Programs and will be sending them to the Senate for review and input.
3. Not from Dean's Council, but a request from President Frezza for Senators to look at the Senate website. She asks that we make sure we are listed, make sure our discipline, name and term are correct and that we email Denise Woodbury with any corrections.

VI. Evaluations

President Frezza suggested a Task force to work on revising and improving student evaluations and to find ways to increase student participation. Kevin Stein, Dave Tufte and Julie Simon volunteered to serve on the Task Force. Dennis recommended Wayne Roberts as a possible chair for the Task Force. President Frezza will approach him about

chairing, and also ask him to recommend someone from Psychology to serve on the Task Force.

Action Taken: Task Force formed

Motion:

Second:

Vote:

VII. Intellectual Property

Policy 5.5.2

Tim Lewis suggested changes in the language of the policy to protect faculty on Copyright issues to change from absolute wording to interpretation wording.

Action Taken

Motion: Julie Simon moved that Tim Lewis's proposed change be sent to the Provost and Lawyer as the preference of the Senate

Second: Dennis Vredenburg

Vote: Passed

VIII. Other

Carl brought up a question about grant residuals, which are currently shifted centrally. President Frezza reported that the issue is still alive, but on the back burner. She will bring up the issue with the Provost.

Action Taken

Motion: None

Second:

Vote:

Adjourn

Action Taken

Motion: Dennis Vredenburg moved for adjournment at 5:00 p.m.

Second: Dave Tufte

Vote: Passed

Next Meeting: Thursday September 27, 4:00 p.m.